menced in Thulam last. The mechanical equipment for the filter plant is under erection. Work on the low level reservoir and settling tanks will be started soon. The pipes for the town distribution system are expected to arrive shortly. The work is providing employment for about 2,000 skilled and unskilled labourers daily.

Electric Supply Schemes.

24. Inclusive of the outlay of Rs. 1·17 lakhs in 1105, the expenditure on the Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme till the end of that year amounted to Rs. 5·31 lakhs. With the addition of the fourth generating set, the present capacity of the power station is 550 B. H. P. The total number of consumers has risen from 632 at the end of 1105 to 730 at the end of Dhanu 1106. A license has been issued to provide a scheme for the electrification of the Nagercoil town. The Alleppey Municipality has applied for the issue of a license for the electric supply to that town. The preliminary works in connection with the electrification of the Kottayam Municipality under a license already issued are in progress and estimates for the lighting of six miles of roads in the town at the cost of the Municipal Council have been sanctioned.

Railway.

25. When addressing you last year, I communicated to you the assurance that had been given me by the Railway Engineer that the work on the Tampanur Central Station and the bridges would be completed before the end of 1930 and that the first train on the extension line would be run before to-day. The progress anticipated by Mr. Marini has not, however been attained. The work on the main line and the bridges has been completed and ballast trains have been running for some time past. The Central Station building is making good progress. The extension is expected to be complete in all respects and ready for opening by the end of the current Malabar year. There was an outlay of Rs. 3·61 lakhs on the extension, thus bringing up the total expenditure thereon at the end of 1105 to Rs. 11·16 lakhs.

Village Panchayats.

26. Rules under the Village Panchayat Regulation were passed in August 1930. The three Dewan Peishkars have been appointed *ex-officio* Registrars under the Regulation and proposals have been received for the constitution of Panchayats in some selected villages. These proposals are under consideration.

Public Health.

27. The general health of the people has been satisfactory. There was no cholera in epidemic form during the year; but small-pox was prevalent in some localities, especially in the municipal towns of Alleppey and Trivandrum; and recently there has been a recrudescence of the disease in some parts of the State. Vaccination is being vigorously carried on in the affected areas, and the Trivandrum Municipality and the Sanitary Department have been given additional temporary